

Application No. 10/776,923
Amendment dated October 23, 2007
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REMARKS

Claims 9, 11-13, 15, 17-19 and 21 are currently pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the present application, in light of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 9, 11-13, 15, 17-19 and 21 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, as being unpatentable over claims 1-43 of U.S. Patent No. 7,182,752 and claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 7,285,112.

Applicants have enclosed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, which Applicants respectfully submit obviates this rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection applied to claims 9, 11-13, 15, 17-19 and 21, on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-43 of U.S. Patent No. 7,182,752 and claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 7,285,112, is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 9, 11-13, 15, 17-19 and 21 have been provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, as being unpatentable over claims 1-54 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/517,929; claims 1-18 and 51-62 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/517,750; and claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10, 12-15 and 26-54 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/517,751.

Applicants have enclosed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, which Applicants respectfully submit obviates this rejection. Withdrawal of the provisional rejection applied to claims 9, 11-13, 15, 17-19 and 21, on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-54 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/517,929; claims 1-18 and 51-62 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/517,750; and claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10, 12-15 and 26-54 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/517,751, is therefore respectfully requested.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending application is in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's representative at the number below.

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